

## David and Barbara Huyser for Multiple Rehabilitations in the Fairmount Square Historic District, Grand Rapids

Fairmount Square, a local historic district designated by the city of Grand Rapids, is becoming a better place to live, work, and spend free time thanks to the efforts of property owners David and Barbara Huyser. The Huysers, with the financial assistance of the Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program, have rehabilitated several commercial and residential properties in the district. The Ebeling Building could be called their flagship rehabilitation project. Located at 337 Diamond Avenue SE, at a prominent corner in the district, the vacant structure was turned into an outstanding mixed-use project. Much of the rehabilitation work on the exterior of the building was based on a historic photograph. Since they started work on the Ebeling Building, the Huysers have tackled several other residential rental rehabilitation projects. Work on these properties included removing decades' worth of deteriorated, non-original siding and roofing materials while preserving and maintaining the historic integrity of the houses. Through their forward thinking, hard work, and financial investment, the Huysers have demonstrated commitment to the revitalization of the Fairmount Square community

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